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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON BLACK HEBREWS IN NOV 10 ISSUE OF "MA'ARIV"

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE ON THE BLACK HEBREWS APPEARED IN THE NOVEMBER 10 ISSUE OF "MA'ARIV". VERBATIM TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THIS IS HOW THE BLACK HEBREWS "INSINUATE THEMSELVES" INTO ISRAEL : THE MYSTERIOUS "ROSENBERG" FROM CHICAGO SENDS "ABSORBERS" TO ARAD.

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ALMOST EVERY NIGHT A NUMBER OF BLACK TOURISTS CLIMB ON TO A SMALL TRUCK LEAVING THE "NOF ARAD" HOTEL. NEXT MORNING A FEW MORE BLACK RESIDENTS WHOSE NEW SURNAME IS "BEN ISRAEL" HAVE JOINED THE POPULATION OF THIS COUNTRY. THE POLICE HAS NOW COMPLETED A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE PROBLEM OF "HOW THE BLACK HEBREWS INFILTRATE INTO ISRAEL" AND HAS SUBMITTED ITS FINDINGS TO INTERIOR MINISTER DR YOSEF BURG.

IT IS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK A TAXI FROM BEN GURION AIRPORT ARRIVES IN ARAD - MORE SPECIFICALLY AT THE "NOF ARAD" HOTEL THERE, WITH BLACK TOURISTS WHO ARE ALL WELL-DRESSED AND HAVE AT LEAST THREE HEAVY SUITCASES EACH, ACCORDING TO THE HOTEL STAFF. THEY INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AS TEACHERS, PILGRIMS, PARTICIPANTS AT A CONGRESS OR PLAIN TOURISTS.

THEY RENT ROOMS FOR ONE NIGHT, INCLUDING BREAKFAST. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL ONE OF THE TOURISTS PLACES A COLLECT CALL TO A "MR ROSENBERG" IN CHICAGO. CODE WORDS ARE USED IN THE ENSUING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND BETWEEN THIRTY MINUTES TO AN HOUR AFTER THE CALL TO "ROSENBERG" IN CHICAGO A MEMBER OF THE BLACK HEBREW SECT ARRIVES IN THE HOTEL. HE ASCERTAINS THE ROOM NUMBERS OF THE BLACK VISITORS FROM THE RECEPTION CLERK AND GOES UP TO VISIT THEM. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THE TOURISTS COME DOWN WITH HIM, CARRYING THEIR LUGGAGE, AND ARE SWALLOWED UP BY THE PICK-UP TRUCK WAITING OUTSIDE.

AN ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION WAS EFFECTED IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE FINDINGS. USING THE CODE WORDS THEY HAD SECRETLY OVERHEARD FROM THE TELEPHONE CALLS TO "ROSENBERG", THE INVESTIGATORS PLACED A CALL TO HIM IN CHICAGO. ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LATER THE PICK-UP TRUCK ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL TO FETCH THEM. TO HIS SURPRISE THE SECT'S "ABSORPTION OFFICIAL" FAILED TO FIND ANY NEW IMMIGRANTS IN THE HOTEL AND WAS COMPELLED TO LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED - NOT BEFORE THE ENTIRE INCIDENT WAS FILMED BY CONCEALED CAMERAS.

THE MANAGER OF THE "NOF ARAD" HOTEL, MS SIMCHA SHOHAT, YESTERDAY SAID THAT THE BLACK VISITORS HAD RECENTLY BEGUN TO ECONOMISE: THEY ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL, LEAVE THEIR LUGGAGE IN THE LOBBY, AND PLACE THEIR COLLECT CALL TO "MR ROSENBERG" FROM THERE WITHOUT BOTHERING ABOUT ROOMS.

END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE DOES NOT STATE HOW LONG THIS METHOD OF INFILTRATION HAS BEEN PRACTICED. HOWEVER, A LITTLE ARITHMETIC WILL QUICKLY LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ACCOUNT IS A GROSS EXAGGERATION AT BEST. THE PROCEDURE INVOLVING TWO TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE CALLS SEEMS CLUMSY AND UNNECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE WHEN A SIMPLE PHONE CALL TO DIMONA (WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED BY SOMEONE IN ANY EVENT) WOULD DO. THE SOURCE OF THE STORY IS UNKNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. WE PASS IT ON ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE THE ALMOST IRRATIONAL TONE THAT CAN APPEAR IN PRESS ARTICLES DEALING WITH THE BLACK HEBREWS. BROWN

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